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SUBJ: VISIT OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: PRAGUE 0062, LISBON 0369

1. SOME ADDITIONAL SIDELIGHTS ON PORTUGUESE FONMIN ANTUNES' MID-JANUARY VISITS TO BUDAPEST AND PRAGUE FOLLOW:

A. JANOS KADAR TOLD ANTUNES THAT HE HAS KNOWN AND RESPECTED CUNHAL FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. ACCORDING TO KADAR THEY MET AGAIN BRIEFLY--PLACE AND DATE NOT SPECIFIED--BUT SUBSEQUENT TO NOVEMBER 25- NOVEMBER 26 ATTEMPTED COMMUNIST COUP IN PORTUGAL. ON THAT OCCASION, STILL ACCORDING TO KADAR, FIRST SECRETARY ADVISED CUNHAL TO BE PATIENT, PRUDENT AND DISCREET. KADAR SAYS HE TOLD CUNHAL THAT BASIC POLITICAL CONTEST IN PORTUGAL IS "BETWEEN BOURGEOIS SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM, AND THAT LATTER IS INEVITABLE VICTOR."

B. SUBSEQUENT TO VISITS TO BUDAPEST AND PRAGUE, FONMIN ANTUNES' HAS MADE CONTRAST BETWEEN USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIAN FONMIN CHNOUPEK TO
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BORING FORTY-MINUTE CANT-LADEN MONOLOGUE BY HUNGARIAN FONMIN PUJA AND PLEASANT BUT BASICALLY NONSUBSTANTIVE

TALK WITH PRIMIN LAZAR. ANTUNES REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED
IT IRONIC AND MYSTIFYING THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO
CONVERSE WITH HARD-NOSED CZECH BUT NOT WITH PONTIFI-
CATING HUNGARIAN FONMIN.

2. COMMENT: FRIGYES PUJA CONTINUES TO RUN TRUE TO FORM.
HE GAVE SAME ORAL DRUBBING TO ITALIAN FONMIN MORO IN MAY 1974
(74 BUDAPEST 1347) AND TO DANISH FONMIN ANDERSEN IN MAY 1975
(75 BUDAPEST 1269); BUT WE HAVE A HUNCH PUJA WILL SHOW GREATER
RESPECT FOR FRG FONMIN GENSCHER WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
LATE NEXT MONTH.
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